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Application No. 10/531,627

Reply to Office Action

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Status of the Application

Claims 1-15, 17 and 19-60 are currently pending, with several of the claims being amended to address grammatical issues. No new matter has been introduced into this application by way of these amendments.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-3, 9, 29, 30, 35, 36-38, 48, 49, 59 and 60 are rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 3-7 and 11-24 of copending U.S. application no. 10/834,555.

Discussion

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, and respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

As Applicants believe the application is in proper condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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